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SUBJECT: GOI REQUEST FOR US GOOD OFFICES IN CLASH BETWEEN
ISRAELI AND LEBANESE ARMED FORCES.

DEPT PLEASE PASS IDA

1. EVRON (MFA) CALLED CHARGE TODAY TO ASK THAT FOLLOWING MESSAGE
RE CLASH BETWEEN IDF AND LEBANESE ARMY UNITS BE PASSED TO
DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY BEIRUT AT URGENT REQUEST OF FOREIGN
MINISTER ALLON. MESSAGE REQUESTS U.S. USE ITS GOOD OFFICES IN
BEIRUT, "TO ASSURE GOL ISRAEL DID
NOT AND DOES NOT HAVE INTENTION NOR DESIRE TO FIGHT
LEBANESE ARMY UNITS; 2) TO BEING ABOUT DISENGAGEMENT BETWEEN FORCES
IN AREA OF FIGHTING AND; 3) TO EFFECT RETURN OF IDF PATROL."

2. BEING TEXT

AN IDF PATROL, THE OBJECTIVE OF WHICH WAS ACTION AGAINST TERRORISTS,
CLASHED LAST NIGHT NEAR BORDER WITH LEBANESE ARMY UNIT INSIDE
LEBANON NEAR VILLAGE OF ITA-AL-SHAAB. GOI DOES NOT KNOW HOW THIS
HAPPENED. SINCE THE CLASH, COMMUNICATIONS WITH IDF PATROL HAVE BEEN
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CUT OFF, BUT IT IS KNOWN THAT THERE ARE SOME ISRAELI AND LEBANESE

CASUALTIES. GOI HAS ASKED UNSTO TO HELP EXTRICATE THE PATROL.

FOLLOWING

THIS, A SMALL IFF UNIT WHICH TRIED TO MOVE IN DIRECTION

OF PATROL WAS SUBJECTED TO MORTAR FIRE BY LEBANESE ARMY.

THIS MORTAR FIRE CAUSED SOME CASUALTIES. GOI WAS, THEREFORE, FORCED
TO SEND PLANES AGAINST MORTARS IN ORDER TO SILENCE THEM.

GOI URGENTLY REQUESTS USG TO EXPLAIN TO LEBANESE AUTHORITIES

THAT ISRAELI DID NOT AND DOES NOT HAVE INTENTION NOR DESIRE TO

FIGHT LEBANESE ARMY UNITS AND TO ALSO EXPLAIN THAT THE OBJECTIVE

OF THE PATROL WAS TO PREVENT TERRORISTS ACTIVITY

AGAINST ISRAEL. GOI ALSO REQUESTS THAT USG USE ITS GOOD OFFICES IN

BEIRUT IN HELPING EFFECT RETURN OF PATROL AND IN BRINGING ABOUT

DISENGAGEMENT BETWEEN IDF AND LEBANESE ARMY IN AREA WHERE THESE EVENTS

OCCURED.

END TEXT

3. WE EXPECT THIS WILL HIT PRESS SOON, WITH RESULTING HEATING OF

PUBLIC PASSIONS HERE. HOPE FOR KEEPING LID ON THIS IS QUICK

ACTION, WITH PREMIUM ON EARLY RETURN OF PATROL.

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